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SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Dickinson for the second time.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Thank you Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I will be very brief the second time. First of Senator Chambers. I appreciate his . . . most of his statements, most of the area I agree with Senator Chambers. If we're talking about tax loop holes, I'm sure that most of the members of this body want to eliminate them. That really is another issue. If, in fact, corporations are searching for loop holes and hiring attorneys under present structure they're going to be doing it under Senator Keyes' bill. It isn't anything that I'm aware of that he's going to change. The loop holes will still be there. Senator Lewis, I believe, talked about amendment 10 which saved corporations a lot of money on their personal property tax. Then, Senator Lewis, in fact that may make considerably more profit upon which they're paying considerably more income tax. I don't think this is all evil either. The State of Iowa there have been comparisons, there were in committee and there were on the floor here today about the corporate tax being higher in surrounding and other states. The State of Iowa has been contemplating, I don't know what has happened in their Legislature this winter, going to a system similar to Nebraska's whereby they pay their state income tax based on a percent of federal. To equal whatever their system is now, I'm not familiar with how they pay their state income tax, to equal what they're getting now would require 20 percent of the federal income tax, not 10 like we're paying in Nebraska but 20. If we're raising that much personal income tax in Nebraska with our present structure then our corporate tax would double. We've got a good tie, as Senator Cope has said. We're just talking way out of the realm of sense, that's all there is to it. Again, some of us have commented to the effect that all corporations are big monsters of some kind. I don't know what the percentage is in Nebraska, I'm sorry I don't have the figures. As Senator Kelly, Ma and Pa businesses are corporations. They're just family set-ups, or individual . . . local implement dealers, local fertilizer dealer, local clothing store, local . . . probably some barbershops, Senator Chambers, are incorporated. We're not talking about the big monster. I maintain those are the exceptions. We're talking about day-to-day business in Nebraska. I think we have a fair structure. We'd be very foolish to change it.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Executive Board. That's not you Syas, that's Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: In the spirit of compromise, because the hour is ten minutes before, and because I noticed that the presiding officer has something like 14 or 16 speakers yet to go and I'm sure that many of them wanted a chance to speak on this bill. I would ask the Legislature, at ten minutes to 6, to adjourn until our regular time which is 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.